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Dear Bill,

How good it was to hear from you last night!

Enclosed is my reply to Dave. Please communicate its contents to Maggie and Steve.

I have had no reply from Sahl. He undoubtedly communicated what I said to Mark, who made no mention of it on the two encounters we had in New Orleans.

When I have finished my two immediate projects and will be bugged only by my conviction that "A Tiger To Ride" is also essential to public understanding of what has happened (aside from what may in the interim develop) I will have more time. As I can how hope, this may be in two months. I would then like to go to California again. Last time it was not a mature decision. As you know, I did it to get Lane off the hook. But I would have accomplished more if I had devoted that money (for I never got my expenses back, as the San Fransisco people promised) and effort to promoting Whitewash II, then not yet in distribution. However, we are steadily getting out of debt. When the Dell deal on II goes through we will be out of debt (as we would be now if all that is due me were paid) and I'll better be able to make the trip. Hopefully by then I will also have something to promote. I think, if you people outxthere agree, I should then do it again, perhaps less hurriedly, with the additional objectives of smoking Liebeler out and laying a foundation for Maggie's book.

Colonel Castorr phoned me last night. We are lunching Friday. I expect little of him. His wife phoned me a week ago.

Interferences with my mail and phone are worse. I sent the ms of Oswald in New Orleans to my agent insured special handling. I did not reach him 10 days. With the insurance number the New York Post Office could not find it. When I sent a carbon, this time registered, requiring that the P.O. keep it under lock, that reached him promptly, picking up the other at the same time!

These people are getting desparate and caring less about detection. That means the situation is changing and there are now additional hazards, coming from irresponsibility and hysteria. Orest Pena told me that when he had testified before Liebeler, deBrueys went to him and threatened him. Bringuier had let it be known he was going to sue me. I hope he does. Tuesday morning he would have started a fight with me had I not been accompanied by an armed plainclothes detective. He tried, and I loughed at him. He is incredible, the only man I can believe to be to the right of Welch.

All these anti-Castro Cubans have their own unreal concepts, which makes more difficult their communicating what they know. My source is I believe of honest intent. He will now appear before the grand jury. If I know him, when he comes out he will sound off. He will place an FBI agent in meetings with Arcacha and Ferrie, repeatedly! Best